REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 5 and 7 have been indicated as allowed. Upon entry of this amendment, claim 2 is twice amended.

II. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Claim 2, originally dependent from cancelled claim 1, has been amended to render it an independent claim, incorporating all elements of claim 1. No new matter has been entered by way of this amendment, which places claim 2 in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

III. Sequence Rules

The Examiner has stated that the application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821 through 1.825 and requested that Applicants return a copy of a Notice to Comply with this Amendment.

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Notice to Comply, and a computer-readable copy and a paper copy of a Sequence Listing revised to include the nucleotide and amino acid sequence shown on Figure 3, as well as a Statement to Support Filing and Submission in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 to certify that the computer-readable and paper copies are the same and contain no new matter.

Accordingly, applicants submit that they have now complied fully with the sequence rules.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter and request favorable consideration of this Amendment. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (510) 887-8775 extn. 4104.

Respectfully submitted,

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